

baugh, Prudential Committee of the Board of Trustees of Ashland University in trust for the Brethren Church of United States of America. These noble creditors, (our brethren) who came in the time of need to save this property to the church six years ago, have again shown in this settlement, a great interest in the progress and welfare of our fraternity and great confidence in the brethren whose notes they have accepted as money on their claims; and the districts and congregations who have not yet paid their apportionments, whose apportionments they have also accepted on their claims. Now to these brethren who have notes on which there are payments due, and to congregation who have not paid their apportionment in full, we want to say that we hope you will not betray the confidence of these creditors, but that you will go to work anew and send in to us such amounts as are due on your notes and such unpaid apportionments, and let us all unite in rejoicing over this triumphant victory.

Yours Fraternally,

JOHN KEIM,
Sec. A. U. F. Com.

Akron, Ind.

The Marion church was reorganized March 13, with 13 members, a week's meeting held from March 26 to April 3, resulted in ten more being added to the number. On my return a Sunday school will be reorganized, also a S. S. C. E. I now have organized three churches in this state, and one in Illinois since conference.

I am giving one Sunday of each month to the newly organized churches of Indiana which takes three fourths of my time. I have been constantly in the field. I hope to be at home over Easter Sunday.

B. H. FLORA.

Brighton, Ind.

Brother McFaden gave us a visit here over Sunday, March 27. While with us he gave us two missionary lectures and on Sunday preached twice. I must say our meetings were a success as far as the human mind can see, tho rain kept some from attending who otherwise would. We anticipate Brother McFaden's return soon for a few days to preach for us.

Work here is moving along steadily. Sunday, April 3, was our regular appointment at Campbell, Mich. The first quarterly meeting of the year was held April 2, and the initiative taken for more aggressive work here. Services are well attended. Thus I may say the cause of Christ is moving on in my field of labor.

We expect Brother McFaden here in May to hold a few missionary meetings. I favor missions, home missions, efforts to save the lost in our own midst and nation. Where I work I insist on such work and may say we are achieving results for missions.

It does my soul good to hear from our workers in the field. Why can we not hear what our mission board is doing in Ind. and

from our State Evangelist monthly thro the EVANGELIST?

I trust we may all be awake to our duty and rally round the standard of Christ—an invincible army for God.

WM. H. MILLER

Glover's Gap, W. Va.

On Wednesday, March 23, Brother J. M. Murray came to this place and stayed till this evening, March 28, when he left for his home in Greene Co., Pa. He preached with power, five interesting and instructive sermons which carried conviction to every heart. We cannot express our gratitude nor tell how much he has encouraged us. The preaching was gladly received by the people and many expressed themselves sorry to see him leave so soon. I think from the interest manifested this would be a good missionary point and if the meeting could have lasted a week there might have been visible results. Nevertheless it has done much good and the warnings and pleadings will not soon be forgotten.

We would be glad to have any Brethren preacher going this way stop off and give us a few sermons. You don't know how much good it would do us, for those that have all sanctuary privileges do not comprehend the situation of those who have not. So, brethren and sisters, apply the golden rule and encourage your preachers everywhere to go to isolated places.

And now we ask Brother Murray to remember us in his prayers and come again feeling assured that the good he has done here will live long in the hearts of the people.

MARY A. SNYDER

A Surprise

The following is taken from the *Call*, Brighton, Ind.

Probably one of the best and most enjoyable socials of the season occurred at the residence of E. L. Horner last Thursday evening. The good people of this community concluded to have a surprise on Rev. W. H. Miller, and as he makes his home there, they quietly gathered near the house and entered in a bunch. Well, to say nothing of the crowd would be wrong as there were about 80 in number, and such a time as they had was worth mentioning. Why, we had ice cream and cake and all the good things any one could wish for; all these were prepared during the absence of the Reverend. Just before supper the male quartet sang some forgotten music, after which Mr. Miller was presented with a very nice book stand. Following this was a speech of thanks, then supper; more music; and all went home rejoicing.

Our Dead

HELMICK.—It is an unusual occurrence that death's grim messenger comes with a sword in each hand to strike a double blow. It was only an ordinary alarm to the people to learn of the sudden death of one person

in the community. But when the news rapidly spread that a father and a mother were lying lifeless in our midst beneath the same roof, the scene became appalling, lest the pale horse and its rider had not yet completed their mission, for some had already cried: "Vengeance is among us."

Julia A. Helmick was born Aug. 30, 1840, died March 25, 1898, aged 57 years, 6 months and 25 days.

Amon Helmick was born June 10, 1833, died March 26, 1898, aged 64 years, 9 months and 16 days.

This well known couple whose hair had scarcely silvered, were married in the year 1858, Jan. 17. Mother Helmick took sick Sunday, 9 A. M., and died the following Friday, 2 P. M. Father Helmick took sick the same Sunday, 9 P. M., and died the following Saturday, 4 A. M., 14 hours after his wife expired. Pneumonia caused the death of both. Funeral Sunday, 2 o'clock, at the house, owing to the sickness of a son. Their remains were laid away in the cemetery at Masontown. A peculiar mound now marks the spot where two made one in life and death lie by each other's side in a single grave. O cruel grave! O insolent clod! Why hide from us our bosom friends? The deceased were of Cumberland Presbyterian faith. It was estimated that a thousand people viewed sorrowfully their cold, clay faces. Funeral services by the writer.

P. M. SWINEHART.

Matrimonial

ETTER—ESSIG.—On March 3, at the Brethren church Parsonage in Winchester Ohio, Mr. Albertis Etter and Miss Catharine Essig, both of Winchester. May God's blessings be with them is the wish of their many friends.

JOSIAH KEIM.

NOBLY—FRICK.—On April 7, 1898, at the Brethren church Parsonage Winchester Ohio, Preble Co., Mr. David E. Nobly and Miss Laura M. Frick. Their many friends extend their hearty congratulations and we wish them success in their new relation. Ceremony by the writer.

JOSIAH KEIM.

Literary Notes

The Preachers' Magazine for April is a special Easter number. The leading sermon is entitled, "The Stone Rolled Away," by Charles Gore, Canon of Westminster. Dr. B. B. Tyler also contributes a sermon entitled "Who Is He?" which is accompanied with a portrait of the author and a sketch of his life. "The Doubt of Thomas," by the Rev. Mark Guy Pearse, is a suggestive sermon. The Homiletical department contains many sketches and outlines of sermons by distinguished preachers appropriate to the Easter sermon. The Children's Address is entitled "Easter Eggs," and is by David Smith. Rev. F. M. Kerr contributes a sermon which was delivered as a charge to the people. The editor, Dr. Wm. E. Ketcham, furnishes his usual excellent Notes on the International Sunday School Lessons and Outline Addresses on the Golden Texts. The Prayer Meeting Talks and many other excellent articles serve to make up a most interesting number of this